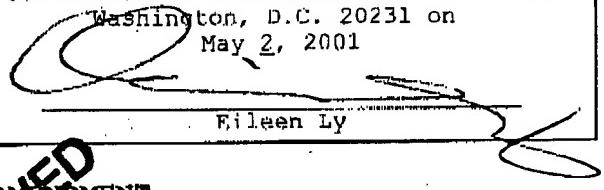


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In re Application of  Avi J. Ashkenazi et al.  Serial No.: 09/114,844  Filed: 14 July 1998  For: RTD RECEPTOR	Group Art Unit: 1646  Examiner: C. Kaufman
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

On March 30, 2000, Applicant filed a Response to Restriction Requirement and Preliminary Amendment in the instant application. In that Response, Applicants formally elected to prosecute the claims drawn to Group I identified in the Restriction Requirement issued on October 5, 1999, but also requested clarification of the grouping of certain claims drawn to chimeric molecules in view of a conflicting restriction requirement issued by Examiner Ulm in Applicants' co-pending application serial no. 08/918,874 (containing claims directed to corresponding subject matter as claimed in the instant application).

Examiner Kaufman contacted the undersigned attorney of record by telephone on April 30, 2001 and informed the undersigned that upon reconsideration, the Restriction Requirement previously issued in the instant application on October 5, 1999 was being re-cast such that the claims drawn to Group III would be included for examination with the claims drawn to Group I. Accordingly, the Examiner requested that a supplemental amendment be filed by Applicants to "add back" into the instant application claims drawn to the nucleic acids, vectors, host cells, etc. Applicants are hereby filing these claims in the amendment

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